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INCREASE IN TELECOM SUBSIDY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the subsidy that Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) receives to maintain its unviable landline business in rural areas at the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the fund sources from which the Government proposed to double the subsidy; and

(c) the extent to which it will increase the rural connectivity surpassing the private telecom operators in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) No Madam.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.